

## Department of Natural Resources

### Mission

Develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest.

### Core Services

- Provide opportunities to utilize state land and water resources
- Acquire and provide hydrologic, geologic, geographic, historical site, and other land record and natural resource information
- Acquire land
- Make land available for sale to the public, and transfer land to municipalities
- Preserve and enhance the value of state land and water resources and Alaska's coastal areas
- Mitigate potential disasters and hazards
- Comply with federal regulations and programs related to natural resources

End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p><b>A: Land is made available for private, recreational, and commercial use</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Maintain 3.6 million acres or more under lease for oil and gas development.  <u>Status #1:</u> State acreage leased for oil and gas development at the end of FY09 exceeded the target of 3.6 million acres, consistent with FY08 results.</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> Increase number of visits to Alaska state park units  <u>Status #2:</u> Annual visits to Alaska state park units rose to 5.2 million in 2009 an increase from 4.97 million in 2008.</p> <p><u>Target #3:</u> Provide clean, safe and well-maintained park and recreational areas  <u>Status #3:</u> Cost of identified maintenance needs in state park units rose to \$67.2 million in FY09, an increase of \$2.7 million over FY08.</p> <p><u>Target #4:</u> Increase private land holdings  <u>Status #4:</u> DNR authorized transfer of approximately 4,133 acres of state land to private landholders in FY09 through auction and over-the-counter sales and staking of remote recreational cabin sites. This represents a decrease from the 5,176 acres transferred in FY08.</p> <p><u>Target #5:</u> Process 100% of pipeline right-of-way amendments and operational permits within prescribed or negotiated timelines.  <u>Status #5:</u> In FY09, 100% of pipeline right-of-way amendments and operational permits were processed within prescribed or negotiated timelines, consistent with FY08.</p>	<p><b>A1: Process applications for land and water use in a timely and user-friendly manner</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Process 90% of new applications received for permits and leases in a fiscal year.  <u>Status #1:</u> In FY09, 74% of new applications from industry and individuals for use and development of state land were processed, a decrease from 103% in FY08. This further increased the backlog of unprocessed applications.</p> <p><b>A2: Increase maintenance efforts in state park units</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Decrease the amount of deferred maintenance in state park units by \$7.0 million per year  <u>Status #1:</u> The cost of identified maintenance needs in state park units rose to an estimated \$67.2 million in FY09, an increase of \$2.7 million over FY08.</p> <p><b>A3: Sell land to the public</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 50% or more of new parcels offered are sold  <u>Status #1:</u> Of the 599 new parcels offered for sale in FY09, 68% were sold or authorized for sale, up from 66% in FY08.</p> <p><b>A4: Defend and maintain clear title to land</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Respond to 100% of requests for navigability determinations.  <u>Status #1:</u> In FY09, 86% of the 42 requests for title navigability determinations were responded to. This was more determinations than the previous year, but a slight reduction in percentage of requests responded to.</p>

	<p><b>Target #2:</b> Receive and process Recordable Disclaimers of Interest from BLM to clarify ownership of navigable waters.</p> <p><b>Status #2:</b> The state received one Recordable Disclaimer of Interest from BLM to clarify ownership of navigable waters during FY09, as compared to zero in FY08.</p> <p><b>A5: Acquire land from the federal government under the Statehood entitlement authority</b></p> <p><b>Target #1:</b> Complete the acquisition of land from the federal government under the Statehood entitlement authority.</p> <p><b>Status #1:</b> In FY09, the state acquired 1.9 million of the 8.9 million acres that the state has yet to receive from the federal government under the Statehood entitlement authority, consistent with the target of completing the acquisitions.</p>
End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p><b>B: Value of state land and water resources is preserved</b></p> <p><b>Target #1:</b> Maintain positioning of resources needed to provide adequate initial attack coverage for response to wildland fires</p> <p><b>Status #1:</b> Maintained positioning of resources needed to provide adequate initial attack response for wildland fires</p>	<p><b>B1: Position firefighting resources to contain most wildland fires through initial attack</b></p> <p><b>Target #1:</b> Maintain adequate coverage for response to wildland fires that pose a threat to life and property.</p> <p><b>Status #1:</b> Positioning of resources to initial attack wildland fires that pose a threat to life and property was maintained in FY09.</p>

## Performance Detail

### A: Result - Land is made available for private, recreational, and commercial use

**Target #1:** Maintain 3.6 million acres or more under lease for oil and gas development.

**Status #1:** State acreage leased for oil and gas development at the end of FY09 exceeded the target of 3.6 million acres, consistent with FY08 results.

#### Acres of State Land Leased for Oil and Gas Development

Fiscal Year	YTD Total
FY 2009	4,900,000 -10.91%
FY 2008	5,500,000 +10%
FY 2007	5,000,000 +28.21%
FY 2006	3,900,000 -2.5%
FY 2005	4,000,000 -13.04%
FY 2004	4,600,000 0%
FY 2003	4,600,000

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The amount of state land under lease for oil and gas development over the past State of Alaska

six years has remained fairly constant or gradually increased except for FY05 and FY06. The decreases were due to an increase of lease expirations and relinquishments by producers due in part to the termination of the Shallow Natural Gas Program that was eliminated by the Legislature in 2004. In addition, a number of conventional leases were relinquished as a result of company mergers. These relinquishments were unanticipated and beyond the control of the Department of Natural Resources; however, relinquished acreage will be reoffered for lease.

**Target #2:** Increase number of visits to Alaska state park units

**Status #2:** Annual visits to Alaska state park units rose to 5.2 million in 2009 an increase from 4.97 million in 2008.

**Annual Visits to Alaska State Park Units**

Year	YTD Total
2009	5,224,650 +4.99%
2008	4,976,545 +2.09%
2007	4,874,635 +4.21%
2006	4,677,601 +5.95%
2005	4,414,994 +4.17%
2004	4,238,417 -1.44%
2003	4,300,513

**Target #3:** Provide clean, safe and well-maintained park and recreational areas

**Status #3:** Cost of identified maintenance needs in state park units rose to \$67.2 million in FY09, an increase of \$2.7 million over FY08.

Fiscal Year	YTD Total
FY 2009	67,200,000 +4.19%
FY 2008	64,500,000 +25.73%
FY 2007	51,300,000 +4.69%
FY 2006	49,000,000 +13.16%
FY 2005	43,300,000 0%
FY 2004	43,300,000

**Target #4:** Increase private land holdings

**Status #4:** DNR authorized transfer of approximately 4,133 acres of state land to private landholders in FY09 through auction and over-the-counter sales and staking of remote recreational cabin sites. This represents a decrease from the 5,176 acres transferred in FY08.

Fiscal Year	YTD Total
FY 2008	5,856 +11.63%
FY 2007	5,246

*Methodology: Remote Recreational Cabin Sites sold in FY08 are currently being staked, so part of the acreage number for FY08 is a projection. "Sold" means staking authorization was issued. It can take 3-4 years to complete a purchase and transfer title, depending on the type of sale.*

**Target #5:** Process 100% of pipeline right-of-way amendments and operational permits within prescribed or negotiated timelines.

**Status #5:** In FY09, 100% of pipeline right-of-way amendments and operational permits were processed within prescribed or negotiated timelines, consistent with FY08.

#### **A1: Strategy - Process applications for land and water use in a timely and user-friendly manner**

**Target #1:** Process 90% of new applications received for permits and leases in a fiscal year.

**Status #1:** In FY09, 74% of new applications from industry and individuals for use and development of state land were processed, a decrease from 103% in FY08. This further increased the backlog of unprocessed applications.

#### **A2: Strategy - Increase maintenance efforts in state park units**

**Target #1:** Decrease the amount of deferred maintenance in state park units by \$7.0 million per year

**Status #1:** The cost of identified maintenance needs in state park units rose to an estimated \$67.2 million in FY09, an increase of \$2.7 million over FY08.

##### **Cost of identified maintenance needs in state park units (in millions)**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
FY 2009	67.2 +4.19%
FY 2008	64.5 +25.73%
FY 2007	51.3 +4.69%
FY 2006	49 +13.16%
FY 2005	43.3

#### **A3: Strategy - Sell land to the public**

**Target #1:** 50% or more of new parcels offered are sold

**Status #1:** Of the 599 new parcels offered for sale in FY09, 68% were sold or authorized for sale, up from 66% in FY08.

##### **Percentage of New Parcel Offerings That Were Sold**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
FY 2009	68%
FY 2008	66%
FY 2007	70%
FY 2006	63%
FY 2005	61%
FY 2004	76%
FY 2003	10%

**A4: Strategy - Defend and maintain clear title to land**

**Target #1:** Respond to 100% of requests for navigability determinations.

**Status #1:** In FY09, 86% of the 42 requests for title navigability determinations were responded to. This was more determinations than the previous year, but a slight reduction in percentage of requests responded to.

**Target #2:** Receive and process Recordable Disclaimers of Interest from BLM to clarify ownership of navigable waters.

**Status #2:** The state received one Recordable Disclaimer of Interest from BLM to clarify ownership of navigable waters during FY09, as compared to zero in FY08.

**A5: Strategy - Acquire land from the federal government under the Statehood entitlement authority**

**Target #1:** Complete the acquisition of land from the federal government under the Statehood entitlement authority.

**Status #1:** In FY09, the state acquired 1.9 million of the 8.9 million acres that the state has yet to receive from the federal government under the Statehood entitlement authority, consistent with the target of completing the acquisitions.

**Number of Acres Acquired as per Statehood Entitlement**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
FY 2009	1,900,000 -15.53%
FY 2008	2,249,399 +15.18%
FY 2007	1,953,022 +32.72%
FY 2006	1,471,509 +4972.59%
FY 2005	29,009 -71.75%
FY 2004	102,695

**Analysis of results and challenges:** Land transfers from the federal government to the State of Alaska increased significantly in FY06 as a result of the federal government's Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act signed by President Bush in December 2004. The goal is to expedite the fulfillment of land entitlements as per the Alaska Statehood Act and ANILCA. The state supported the federal effort by adding personnel to review conveyance documents and receive title. Tentative transfer approvals placing the remaining entitlements under state management should be completed by the end of 2012. It will take decades to complete associated surveys and title transfers.

**B: Result - Value of state land and water resources is preserved**

**Target #1:** Maintain positioning of resources needed to provide adequate initial attack coverage for response to wildland fires

**Status #1:** Maintained positioning of resources needed to provide adequate initial attack response for wildland fires

**B1: Strategy - Position firefighting resources to contain most wildland fires through initial attack**

**Target #1:** Maintain adequate coverage for response to wildland fires that pose a threat to life and property.

**Status #1:** Positioning of resources to initial attack wildland fires that pose a threat to life and property was maintained in FY09.

**Percentage of Units in which Initial Attack Resources were Adequate**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
FY 2009	100 0%
FY 2008	100 0%
FY 2007	100 0%
FY 2006	100 0%
FY 2005	100 0%
FY 2004	100